



PERSONAL EVANGELISM

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good to
know the Lord.

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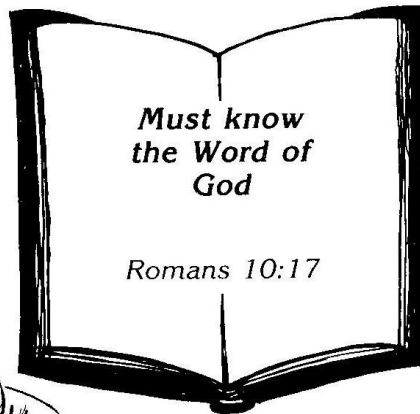
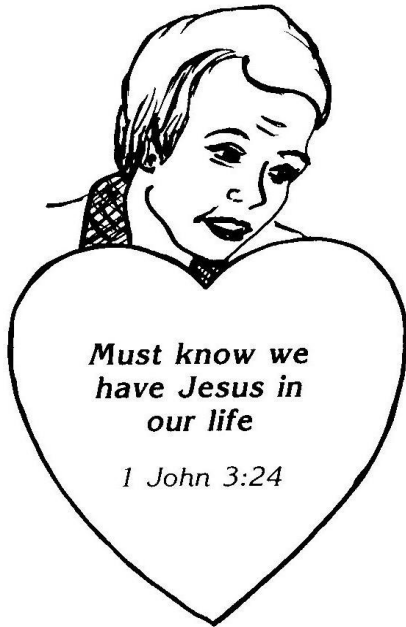
LESSON 2



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The Kind of People We Must Be to Tell Others About Jesus



Must pray
1 John 5:14-16



The Kind of People We Must Be to Tell Others About Jesus

In this lesson we want to learn that:

1. We must know we have Jesus in our life
2. We must give our whole life to God
 - 1) God wants our life
 - 2) God wants us to have a clean life
 - 3) The Holy Spirit wants to control our life
3. We must know the Word of God
 - 1) The Word of God tells us how to be saved
 - 2) The Word of God is the power to change lives
 - 3) The Word of God shows us how to tell people about Jesus
4. We must pray
 - 1) Pray to be in fellowship with God
 - 2) Pray for power to tell people about Jesus
 - 3) Pray for those we would tell about Jesus
 - 4) Pray that God will guide us to the right person
 - 5) Pray that the person will receive the Word of God
 - 6) Pray that the Word of God will keep on working after we have talked to a person
5. We must have good reasons for telling people about Jesus
 - 1) To obey God
 - 2) To bring honor to God
 - 3) This work will last forever
 - 4) We want people to be saved.
6. We must not have bad reasons for telling people about Jesus

In this lesson we also want to:

1. Learn some new words
2. Memorize Bible verses
3. Do an assignment

The Kind of People We Must Be to Tell Others About Jesus

1. We must know we have Jesus in our life

We must be sure Jesus is in our life. We must know Jesus has forgiven our sin. We must be sure Jesus has changed our life. We must be sure we have peace with God. We must be sure we will be with Jesus in heaven.

When we know Jesus has come into our life, we can tell others about it. When we know Jesus has forgiven our sin, we have peace with God. We can tell others about that peace. When we know Jesus has changed our life, we can tell others about the changes. When we know we will be with Jesus in heaven, we can tell others about this hope.

When we tell others what Jesus has done for us, we witness to them. We can witness only about that which we know.

What must happen to us before we can see the kingdom of God?
John 3:3

How can we know we have eternal life? 1 John 5:12,13

What does the Holy Spirit tell us? Romans 8:16

Example

John has read the Bible. He knows all about the life of Jesus. John says it is for others. He says the life of Jesus is not for him. John does not believe Jesus died for his sin.

Can John be a witness of what Jesus did for him?

Can John tell others about Jesus?

Example

Jack had done many bad things. Then he heard Jesus died for him.

Jack asked Jesus to forgive his sin. He said, "Please, Lord Jesus, forgive me. Make me a different person." Jesus helped Jack stop doing bad things. Jack is happy because he loves Jesus now.

Can Jack be a witness of what Jesus did for him?

Can Jack tell others about Jesus?

2. **We must give our whole life to God**

1) **God wants our life**

What does Romans 12:1,2 say that we should do with our lives?

Our old sinful self wants to make us do sinful things. It makes us wish for the sinful things others do. God wants us to wish for the things He has for us. God wants us to live to please Him. We can please God only when we give Him our whole body, soul, and spirit.

Example

Jim says, "I love God." But Jim says too, "First I want to do all the things I want to do. Later I will do some things for God. First I want to be a great trapper. I want to be the best trapper in the settlement. When I am older and cannot work hard anymore, then I will work for God."

Is Jim giving everything to God?

Example

Jack says, "I love God. He saved me. He has done so very much for me. I want to thank God. I want others to know that God can do the same for them. When I trap I want to read the Word of God each day. I want to pray each day. As I work with other trappers, I want to tell them that God can save them too. I want to be a good trapper, but I want to do first what God asks me to do. Then He will help me to do my best."

Is Jack giving everything to God?

2) **God wants us to have a clean life**

What takes away our sin? 1 John 1:7

How should we think about ourselves? Romans 6:11

When our sin is taken away, we are alive to God (Romans 6:11). We have been set free from the empty way of life by the blood of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:18,19).

Example

Jim shoots a duck. His wife takes off all the feathers and pin feathers. The duck looks clean. Jim's wife is in a hurry. She leaves the insides in. Later she cooks the duck. When everyone comes home to eat supper, she takes the duck out of the pan.

Is the duck ready to eat? You say, "No. The insides give the duck a bad taste. We cannot eat it. It is no good."

The duck is not good if the insides stay in for cooking. When there is sin in our life, our work for Jesus is not good. We cannot be used effectively to tell others about Jesus.

3) We must let the Holy Spirit control our life in order to tell others about Jesus

Jesus told His disciples to tell others about Himself. Before He gave this command, He gave His disciples a promise.

What promise did Jesus give His disciples? Matthew 28:18,20

Who lives in us? 1 Corinthians 3:16

Who is to fill us? Ephesians 5:18

When a person is drunk with alcohol, he cannot control what he does. The alcohol controls his life. When a person is full of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit controls his life. In the same way, we do not control our own lives.

Who leads the children of God? Romans 8:14

The Holy Spirit uses us to bring the Word of God (living water) to those who are lost (John 7:38,39). It has been said, "God has no hands but our hands. God has no mouth but our mouths." God needs our mouth to tell people the good news of salvation.

3. **We must know the Word of God to tell others about Jesus**

What should we be able to handle correctly? 2 Timothy 2:15

What will the Word of God do? Isaiah 55:11

1) **The Word of God tells us how to be saved**

The Word of God tells us that God loves each one of us (John 3:16).

The Word of God tells us that we are lost (Romans 3:23).

The Word of God tells us that Jesus saves sinners (Romans 5:8).

The Word of God tells us that we must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to receive eternal life.

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

John 3:36

Example

Jesus was crucified. Two thieves were crucified at the same time, one thief on one side and the other thief on the other side of Jesus. The one thief believed on Jesus and Jesus saved him (Luke 23:39-43).

2) **The Word of God is the power to change lives**

A person puts his trust in Jesus. He also wants Jesus to be the

Lord of his life. The Word of God shows this person how Jesus can change his life (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

We tell a person about Jesus. We show him how Jesus can change his life. Jesus wants to give this person peace and joy. Jesus also wants this person to know that his life will be a new life. We need to know which verses tell about this.

When a person hears the Word of God, it gives him faith. Faith is believing what the Word of God says.

“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”

Romans 10:17

Example

Jill lives a very unhappy life. She knows she has done many bad things. She thinks that she has done too many bad things. She thinks Jesus cannot help her.

Joan tells Jill,

Jesus said, . . . ***“whoever comes to me I will never drive away.”***

John 6:37

Joan also says,

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

2 Corinthians 5:17

Joan says, “Jesus will make you God’s child. He will make your life a new life. God’s Word says these things.”

The Word of God gives Jill faith to believe that Jesus can do this for her.

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What does hearing the Word of God give? Romans 10:17

“He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.”

James 1:18

The Word of God works all the time. When a person hears the Word of God, he may try to forget it. But the words keep coming back to his mind. When the person thinks about the Word of God, he thinks about taking Jesus as Savior. These words lead him to take Jesus as Savior.

Read these verses: Psalm 119:11,105,130

3) **The Word of God shows us how to talk to people about Jesus**

Jesus showed us how to talk to people about Himself. He showed us how He talked to Nicodemus, the woman at the well, and many others.

Example

Read John 4:1-26.

Jesus was waiting at the well. A woman came to get water. Jesus spoke to the woman in a way that made her want to ask more questions. As He talked to her, He showed her that she was a sinner. She tried to talk about something else. Jesus got her to talk about salvation again.

Jesus talked to Nicodemus about salvation. Read John 3:1-21.

The Word of God also shows how the disciples talked to people about Jesus (Acts 2:14-41; Acts 10:34-48).

We must know the Word of God to tell people about Jesus. The better we know the Word of God, the more we can use it.

4. **We must pray and tell people about Jesus**

1) **Pray to be in fellowship with God**

It is important to pray when we tell people about Jesus. Prayer is fellowship with God. When we pray, we talk to God. When we pray we also listen to God. It is important to pray because we must know what God wants us to do. We must know to whom God wants us to talk. We must know what God wants us to say.

What are we promised when we pray? 1 John 5:14,15

2) **Pray that people will be set free to come to Jesus**

Satan does not want to lose any of the people who follow him. He tries hard to keep them. When a person accepts Jesus as Savior, Satan loses this person.

We should pray that God will set people free from Satan (Matthew 17:21).

Jesus spent much time in prayer. Jesus prayed before He did important things. Jesus prayed about everything (Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12; Matthew 26:39; John chapter 17).

How can we describe the prayer of a righteous man? James 5:16

3) **Pray for those to whom we would talk about Jesus**

God wants people everywhere to be saved.

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9

God also wants to save all sinners, even those who are great sinners. God loves those too who are mean to Christians. We are to pray for those who make it hard for us.

“Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

Luke 6:28

Example

Paul was a man who was very mean to Christians, but God loved Paul. God knew He would be able to use Paul. God saved Paul. Paul says:

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the worst.”

1 Timothy 1:15

Jesus asks us to pray for those who are mean to us. These people can be saved. They too can be great workers for Jesus like Paul.

4) **Pray that God will guide us to the right person**

What does the Lord promise in the following verses:

Proverbs 3:5,6

Psalm 32:8

James 1:5,6

We should pray that God will show us the right person to talk to. We should pray that God will show us what to say. We should ask the Lord to keep us from saying wrong things. Wrong words may keep someone from accepting Jesus as Savior.

Example

Dr. Walter Wilson brought many people to Jesus. He used to pray every morning, "Lord, lead me to a person who is ready to come to You."

5) **Pray that the person will receive the Word of God**

What does the Word of God do? Hebrews 4:12

What will the Word of God do? Isaiah 55:11

Jesus shows us some truths in the story of the sower and the seed (Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23). He shows that the Word of God falls on many kinds of hearts. Sometimes Satan comes and takes the words right out of the heart. Sometimes other things push the Word of God right out of the heart. We should pray that the Word of God will fall on good ground. We should also pray that Satan will not be able to take the Word of God out of the person's heart.

6) **Pray that the Word of God will keep on working after we have talked to a person**

We talk to a person about Jesus. He takes Jesus as his Savior. He

still has many things to learn. Also Satan will try to get the new believer into sin. We should keep praying for those who have taken Jesus as their Savior.

Example

Jesus prayed for His disciples. Read John chapter 17. Notice how often Jesus said, "I pray for them. . . ."

Example

Paul preached in many cities. Many people took Jesus as their Savior. Paul left the churches to preach somewhere else. Even though Paul was in another city, he kept on praying for the Christians. Read Romans 1:9,10; Ephesians 1:16; Philippians 1:4.

What did Paul do for the Christians at Philippi? Philippians 1:4-6

Maybe the person we talked to does not take Jesus as his Savior. We should pray that the Word of God will keep working in his heart.

5. We must have good reasons for talking to people about Jesus

1) A good reason to talk to people about Jesus is to obey God

What commandment did Jesus give us in Matthew 28:19-20?

Why do we keep the commandments of Jesus? 1 John 5:2,3

Will we be happy if we do what Jesus asks us to do? Psalm 126:5,6

2) A good reason to talk to people about Jesus is to bring honor to God

What is one way in which God can be honored? John 15:8

3) **A good reason to tell people about Jesus is that a person who accepts Jesus as Savior will be with Jesus forever**

The person who takes Jesus as his Savior will be in heaven when he dies. He will always be with Jesus. When we lead someone to Jesus, and he accepts Jesus as Savior, he will be with Jesus for ever and ever in heaven.

What does Daniel 12:3 tell us about those who lead many to righteousness?

4) **A good reason to talk to people about Jesus is that we want people to be saved.**

When we accept Jesus as Savior, we know our sins are forgiven. We have joy and peace. We know Jesus helps us every day.

We want our friends to have joy and peace too. We want them to be happy. Because we want our friends to be happy, we tell them about Jesus. We know Jesus can make people happy. We know Jesus can give people joy and peace.

What did Paul want his friends and his people to do? Romans 10:1

Read 1 Timothy 2:3,4.

6. **We must not have bad reasons for talking to people about Jesus**

Some people want others to think they are working for the Lord, when they are not working for the Lord. These people really are working for themselves. The Bible tells us about some of these people (Matthew 7:15,21,22).

Why did Simon want to have the Holy Spirit? Acts 8:18-21

Some people try to talk to others about Jesus so people will think they are good people.

Some people try to talk to people about Jesus so they can have a way of making money. Paul said:

“Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.”

2 Corinthians 2:17

These are selfish reasons. These reasons do not bring honor to God. We do not want to be like these people. We want to bring honor to God. We want to have good reasons for telling people about Jesus.

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New words:

1. **commandments** - laws; what we are told to do
2. **control** - to make someone or something do as they are told; to keep someone or something in check
3. **faith** - the belief that something is true even if we have not seen it; belief in God
4. **fellowship** - when two or more people believe and enjoy the same thing; they tell each other everything; they feel and think the same about many things
5. **respect** - to look up to; good enough to honor

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Verses to learn:

1 John 1:7

“... The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

2 Peter 3:9

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting

anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

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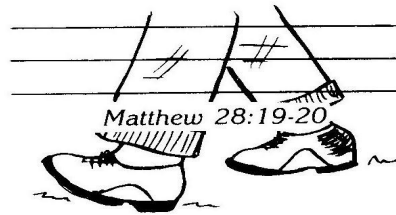
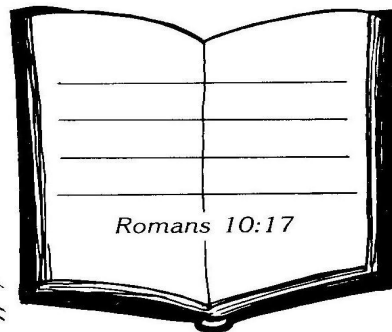
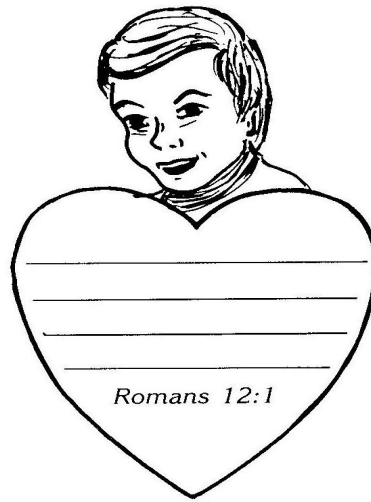
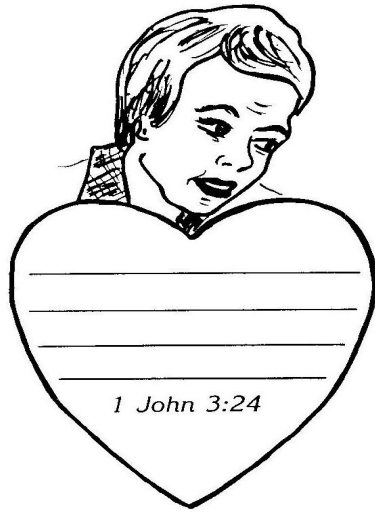
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Assignment:

1. Write in your own words why you want to talk to people about Jesus.

2. Fill in the blanks on the next page. LEARN THESE WELL.

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